

MINUTES OF THE 2023 SAC AGM

25 March – Canadian Aviation & Space Museum, Ottawa

recorded on *Howspace* <https://sac-agm.in.howspace.com/welcome>

Introduction: Sylvain Bourque, AGM chairman

The 78th Annual General Meeting of SAC opened at 10:30 EST with 59 members present. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 and a quorum was declared with 100% of the available votes represented through delegates with proxies and by individuals present.

Motion #1 *The proposed 25 Mar 2023 SAC-ACVV AGM agenda be accepted.* Moved by Jason Acker, seconded by André Pepin.
passed, 0 against

Motion #2 *The minutes of the 19 Mar 2022 SAC-ACVV AGM be accepted.* Moved by André Pepin, seconded by Jay Allardyce.
Passed, 0 against

Presentation of Reports

President's Report – Sylvain Bourque

Many long-time volunteers to SAC that have stepped down this year were recognized.

Update on our culture of safety including the incorporation of FLARM into our fleet and the now-continuing *Instructor Development and Safety Grant* with annual allotments. See the complete report on page 5.

Zone Directors Election Results – Tom Coulson, Election Officer, presented the results of the Zone Director elections for this year.

- **Sylvain Bourque** – Eastern Zone – AVV Champlain – reelected
- **Stan Martin** – S. Ontario Zone – Toronto Soaring – elected
- open position – Pacific Zone

FTSC Report – Jason Acker for Dan Cook

Dan Cook is stepping down as the chairman after 28 years involved in different positions with FTSC. Instructor training is a priority for many clubs and FTSC has been rolling out the e-Learning opportunities through *HowSpace*. Clubs are encouraged to identify mentors who can work with FTSC regional representatives to get more instructors through the materials. Recruiting past cadet youth instructors is one area that is being explored. FTSC has been exploring the development of an AoA / stall warning device for gliders and is looking for members to help support this initiative. The FTSC has undertaken the review and update on all of the SAC training materials; the **SOAR** manual (v11) is the priority for 2023. See a complete report on page 27.

Safety Report – David Donaldson

Average 5 year mortality in Canada is on a declining trend and is a credit to the efforts of instructors. However, while Canada has a mortality of 0.83/1000 members, Norway has a fatality of 0.1/1000 members. There was a fatality in 2022. TSB found the elevator was not connected. Airmanship is our greatest cause of mortality and opportunity to improve upon. Increased near misses in the past two years despite fewer reports in the past year. Some with commercial aircraft and one appeared in news media which drew attention to our sport. We cannot hide.

Working on a more live safety reporting and sharing system rather than waiting to hear of issues at the end of the year, can keep current as they occur and benefit us to learn of them during the season. See a complete report on page 33.

Sporting Committee – Jay Allardyce for Joerg Stieber.

Recap of the 2022 Canadian National Soaring Contest with impressive speeds, altitudes, and distances for the tasks. Clearly it was the best national contest ever. Upcoming contests including the rise of virtual soaring with Condor Soaring Simulator. See a complete report on page 31.

Treasurer (2022 Financial Statements and 2023 budget) –

Jay Allardyce

- End of carry-over for Safety Grant program to avoid ballooning claims and allow for more predictable budgeting.
- Question about deposits into the various funds such as the Pioneer fund was answered with there being no donations to the Pioneer fund in recent history. These donations are eligible for Tax Receipt and deduction status for estate or annual tax planning. Donations are welcome. Management of funds is with *BMO Nesbitt Burns*.
- Expense list includes website and *free flight* and question about the activities planned for strengthened communication from SAC.
- The Instructor and Safety Improvement program will continue annually with no carry-over in unclaimed amounts. Larger claims can be made in a given year and the balance claimed in following years.
- Changes to the Youth Bursary – no longer as limited, and no longer requiring matching funds from the clubs.
- Membership fees will remain unchanged for 2023.
- Reviewed the insurance program funding to the FTSC \$10,000 per year, and the drop in mortality that happened as a direct result of this program.

See a complete report on page 24.

Motion #3 *The acceptance of 2022 financial statements.*
Moved by Jean Lapierre, seconded by George Szukala.
Passed, 0 against

Motion #4 *The 2023 budget with its associated membership fee schedule be accepted.* Moved by Roger Hildesheim, seconded by George Valade.
Passed, 0 against

Motion #5 *The Frouin Group be appointed to audit the 2023 SAC financial statements.* Moved by Andre Pepin, seconded by Sylvie Tardif.
Passed, 0 against

Motion #6 *The activities and decisions of the SAC-ACVV Board for 2022 be approved.* Moved by George Domaradzki, seconded by Serge Valade
Passed, 0 against

Awards presentation for 2022 – Bruce Friesen
See the complete report on page 40.

Motion #7 *The meeting be adjourned.*
Moved by Tom Coulson, seconded by André Pepin.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Recording Secretary, **Pavan Kumar**

